

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventors, we each hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below under our name,

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD OF PREVENTING CAT FROM CLAWING FURNITURE

the specification of which was filed as a Provisional Application 03/05/96, Serial No. 60/012,825.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information which is known to our person to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **METHOD OF PREVENTING CAT FROM CLAWING FURNITURE** the specification and drawings filed herewith.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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